

Earn the CLP – No Exam Required

Candidates with at least 10 years of experience may join more than 800 CLP certificants through a limited grandfather opportunity, available until **June 30, 2011.**

Introduced in 2007, the Certified Licensing Professional (“CLP”) certification is a professional credentialing program intended to recognize those who have demonstrated experience, proficiency, knowledge and exposure to licensing, technology transfer, or commercialization of intellectual property through involvement in patenting, marketing, valuation, IP law, negotiation, and intellectual asset management.

CLP offered a brief, eight-week grandfather period in 2007 to support the launch of the program. Grandfathering is the process by which individuals are granted certification based on stringent criteria related to experience instead of by examination. Many experienced licensing professionals have expressed concern that the initial grandfathering period was not adequately publicized to reach the global audience interested in earning and using the CLP credential.

To address this concern and officially launch the program to the international community of licensing professionals, the CLP Board of Governors is offering an additional, one-time grandfathering period available through **June 30, 2011.**

Candidates for this grandfather opportunity must have a college degree and at least 10 years of professional experience in the licensing field and meet four of six eligibility requirements, available online at <http://licensingcertification.org/grandfatherapplication.html>. (The CLP Board encourages you to forward this link to colleagues who may be interested in this opportunity.)

The taskforce charged with developing the new requirements for the grandfathering opportunity consisted of a diverse team of 10 experienced leaders (all CLP’s) in the licensing field, including representatives from outside of North America. The taskforce defined the new eligibility requirements for a wider, international audience of experienced or “seasoned” professionals who are in leadership and mentoring positions.

“The new grandfathering period and standards are intended to build an international group of Certified Licensing Professionals to provide professional leadership and help mentor colleagues,” Dwight Olson, Chair of the CLP Grandfather Taskforce, said.

The application fee is \$1195.00 USD, and the online application will be available through June 30, 2011. All applications must be submitted by the deadline.

Please visit the CLP Web site at www.licensingcertification.org for more information or contact Cynthia Allen, CLP Certification Manager, at callen@licensingcertification.org.